बड़ी लाईन में परिवर्तित करने का विचार रखता है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस योजना को कब तक कार्यान्वित किया जायेगा?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री अजय सिंह) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Rise/decrease in losses due to leakage of revenue in Railways

1195. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of rise, decrease in the losses in the Railways due to leakage of revenue during 1988, 1989 and 1990, till date;

(b) what are the areas of revenue where leakage is identified; and

(c) what measures have been taken/proposed to be taken by Government to plug the loopholes to curb the malpractices and to identify the persons involved in corrupt practices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) The amount of leakage is not quantifiable.

(b) Ticketless travel, carriage of unbooked luggage and parcels, resale/reuse of tickets, sale of fake tickets, underweighment of consignment and non-accountal of catering sales etc.

(c) Steps taken to prevent leakage of revenue include measures like frequent inspections, regular ticket checking including massive concentrated checks etc.

Besides, vigilance organisation conduct preventive checks in areas where leakage takes place and investigate complaints received from various sources to bring the defaulters to book.

While charges, as due, are recovered from the defaulting rail passengers, in some cases defaulters are also prosecuted.

Action is also taken against erring railway staff in proven cases of misdemeanour.

Standard of Indian test laboratories

1196. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry has suggested that the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) should equip Indian test laboratories to arrange for their accredition with European Community authorities so that the test certificates could be issued in India itself;

(b) if so, what is the further reaction of the Government on suggestions made by PHDCCI; and

(c) what other changes BIS propose to make in their testing laboratories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. However, according to the information made available by the European community, there is no formalised accredition of laboratories prevailing in the Community. Hence, mutual acceptance of test reports amongst the EC and India will be on the basis of bilateral agreements between the member countries of EC and India.

(b) The Government of India is already aware of the need for having such an arrangement.

(c) With a view to improve the acceptability of Indian products already subjected to certification and testing in the Indian laboratories, it is necessary that the testing laboratories and the quality assurance sys-